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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter and was informed that the information would be reflected in an addendum to document A/53/835.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 17 (e) and (f), 111, 112, 112 and 119, 113, 122 (a) and (b), 123, 124 (a), 125, 126, 127 together with 128, 132 and 134, 130, 131, 133, 136, 138 to 142, 143 (a), 145, 161 and 165.

The General Assembly agreed to discuss the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 113 (A/53/485/Add.2), in accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711/Add.1) [17 (e)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/711/Add.1), appointed Ms. Marsha Echols as a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and ending on 31 December 2001.

(b) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Vice-Chairman of the Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712/Add.1) [17 (f)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/712/Add.1), appointed Mr. José Ramon Sanchis Muñoz as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and ending on 31 December 2002.

The Assembly, also following the recommendation of the Fifth Committee in the same report, designated Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and ending on 31 December 2002.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/108 (PART II)).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738/Add.1) [111]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/738/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 111.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521/Add.3) [112]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/521/Add.3).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533/Add.2) [112 and 119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/533/Add.2) (resolution 53/225).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 112 and 119.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485/Add.4) [113]

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/53/485/Add.4) (resolution 53/220 B).

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of the same report.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [122]:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/979) [122 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/979) (resolution 53/226).

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/982) [122 (b)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/982).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 74 votes to 2, with 42 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the first preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3, 10 and 11 of the draft resolution.

By 119 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution as a whole (resolution 53/227).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 122.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745/Add.1) [123]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/745/Add.1) (resolution 53/228).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/987) [124 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/987) (resolution 53/229).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 124.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544/Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/544/Add.1) (resolution 53/18 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/988) [126]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/988) (resolution 53/230).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II; Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti; Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/990) [127, 128, 132 and 134]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/990).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 127, 128, 132 and 134.

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/980) [130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/980) (resolution 53/231).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/983) [131]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/983) (resolution 53/232).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/984) [133]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/984).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545/Add.1) [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/545/Add.1) (resolution 53/19 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/985) [138]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/985) (resolution 53/233).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 138.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/986) [139]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/986) (resolution 53/234).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546/Add.1) [140]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/546/Add.1) (resolution 53/20 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/873/Add.1) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/873/Add.1) (resolution 53/222 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/981) [142]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/981) (resolution 53/235).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 142.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.3) [143 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/53/522/Add.3) (resolutions 53/12 B, 53/236 and 53/237).

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I, II and III recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 17 of the same report.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 143.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/891/Add.1) [145]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/891/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/989) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/989) (resolution 53/238).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 161.

Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/993) [165]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/993).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 165.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals: draft resolution (A/53/L.77) [30 and 58]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda items 30 and 58.

The Acting President informed the Assembly of the agreement reached regarding various dates.

The Assembly was informed that, as indicated in draft resolution A/53/L.77, the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly would close on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the morning, the fifty-fifth session would open on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the afternoon and the Millennium Summit would begin on Wednesday, 6 September 2000.

The President also informed the Assembly that as a result of the agreement on these dates, the general debate of the fifty-fifth session would begin on Tuesday, 12 September 2000.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.77 (resolution 53/239).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 30 and 58.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: letters from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/53/902 and Add.1) [93 (f)]

The Acting President informed the General Assembly of the request contained in the letters from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/53/902 and Add.1).

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly decided to authorize the Commission on Population and Development, acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly, to hold a resumed session on 24, 25, 28 and 29 June 1999.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 93 (f).

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